

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU2004/001474

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. 7: H01Q 1/12, F15B 15/02, 15/06, B25B 5/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPAT, Espacenet, USPTO: rotate, adjust, control, position, hydraulic, telescopic, clamp and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| X | Derwent Abstract Accession No. 89-219039/30, Class Q35, SU 1435515 A (URALS FORESTRY INST) 7 November 1988 abstract | 1-4, 6 |
| X | US 2003/0122728 A1 (ANTOINE) 3 July 2003 whole document | 7, 8, 10 9, 11-15 |
| Y | CA 2070929 A1 (GEARHART) 11 December 1993 whole document | 7, 8, 10 9, 11-15 |
| Y | US 3840095 A (MATSON) 8 October 1974 whole document | 14, 15 |
| Y | US 6443287 B2 (BJØRKGÅRD) 3 September 2002 whole document | 14, 15 |

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims 1-13 relate to apparatus for effecting controlled rotation or linear movement of a body wherein said apparatus comprises an actuator clamp that is releasably clampable on to a ring member or a linear member of the body, and an expansion and contraction device connected at one end to the clamp and at the other end via a rigid arm to the body, such that controlled movement is obtained by the expansion and contraction of the device regulated by the action of the clamp. It is considered that this comprises a first "special technical feature".
2. Claims 14 and 15 relate to a clamp per se, for use with an I-beam having a centrally positioned vertical member separating an upper horizontal flange and a lower horizontal flange (claim 14), or for use with a wall having a side face and a top face (claim 15). The clamp, per se, is considered to comprise a second separate "special technical feature".

Since the abovementioned groups of claims do not share either of the technical features identified, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2 does not exist. Accordingly the international application does not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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| Patent Document Cited in Search Report | | Patent Family Member | | | | | |
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| SU | 1435515 | NONE | | | | | |
| US | 2003/0122728 | US | 6727861 | | | | |
| CA | 2070929 | NONE | | | | | |
| US | 3840095 | AU | 73984/74 | CA | 1006216 | DE | 2438666 |
| | | DE | 2446183 | ES | 430744 | FR | 2247811 |
| | | FR | 2260744 | GB | 1481086 | JP | 50110411 |
| | | JP | 50113119 | NL | 7313905 | US | 3913043 |
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Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.

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